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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

The Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

Sir:

In accordance with provisions of P.L. 102-396, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 1993, I hereby make available appropriations of \$12,000,000 in budget authority for the Department of Commerce. These funds will provide emergency assistance to fishermen in Washington, Oregon, and California who have been adversely affected by the emergency closure of the salmon harvest.

I designate the entire amount made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Estimate No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503



## THE DIRECTOR

## The President

## The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available \$12 million in emergency appropriations for the Department of Commerce. Your approval of this request would make available previously appropriated funds to provide assistance to fishermen in Washington, Oregon, and California who have been adversely affected by the emergency closure of the salmon harvest. The recent decline in populations of salmon is attributed, in large part, to natural effects, including ocean warming believed to be caused by the El Nino climate phenomenon.

P.L. 102-396, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 1993, provided \$65 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The availability of these funds was made contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. Under the authorization in section 9135 of P.L. 102-396, the Secretary of Commerce may award grants to persons engaged in commercial fisheries for uninsured losses determined by the Secretary to have been suffered as a direct result of a fishery resource disaster. The Secretary of Commerce, under the authority of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986, has determined that a fishing disaster exists.

None of the \$65 million has yet been designated as an emergency requirement and made available. At this time, \$12 million is required to support emergency needs of the West Coast commercial and recreational salmon fishing industry. Therefore, I recommend that you designate this request as an emergency funding requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

**Enclosure**